THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND THE OFFICE OF COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management (CZM), under its authority pursuant to Section 4C(h) of MGL c 21A, and in conformance with M.G.L. c.30A, will hold a public hearing on proposed revisions to regulations governing the administration of the state's federally-approved Coastal Program, and—as the lead agency charged with developing and implementing the Massachusetts Ocean Management Plan—to promulgate regulations to administer the Plan. CZM is proposing to merge existing regulations concerning its Federal Consistency Review authority (currently 301 CMR. 21) into revised Coastal Zone Management Program regulations at 301 CMR 20. Federal regulations at 15 CFR §930 governing Federal Consistency Review were modified in 2007, and these changes required updates and revisions to CZM's state regulations.

A public hearing will be conducted on the following date at the following location to receive comments on the proposed revisions. Testimony may be presented orally or in writing at the hearing.

Friday, March 22, 2013, 12:30 – 2:30 PM 100 Cambridge Street 2nd Floor Conference Room A Boston, MA 02114

Written testimony on the proposed regulations will be accepted from the opening of the comment period on Friday, March 1, 2013 until 5 P.M. Monday, April 22, 2013. Written testimony should be submitted via email to Robert.Boeri@state.ma.us or mailed to: Robert Boeri, Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management, 251 Causeway Street, Suite 800, Boston, MA 02114. Copies of the proposed regulations are available on the CZM website at http://www.mass.gov/czm/regs.htm or may be obtained by calling Patrice Bordonaro at 617-626-1211. For special accommodations for this event or to obtain this information in an alternative format, you may contact Barbara Nobles Crawford, Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, ADA coordinator, at 617-626-1161, 100 Cambridge Street, Suite 900, Boston, MA 02114.

By the order of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs Richard K. Sullivan Jr., Secretary